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1. The Congreso de Unidad Sindical, inaugurated on 12 October 1951 at the Teatro America, and terminated on 14 October at the Palacio de los Deportes in Guatemala City, has been given ample coverage in the press.
2. At 8 p.m. of 12 October workers and farmers began pouring into the auditorium until it was completely filled by the representatives of the various federations and syndicates. The size of the audience is estimated to have been between 1,200 and 1,500 persons.
3. The Honorary Committee was composed of the following persons, who, with the exception of Vicente Lombardo Toledano and Jose Morera, were not present: Colonel Jacobo Arbenz, President of the Republic, Dr. Juan Jose Arevalo, former President of the Republic, Giuseppe Vittorio, President of the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), Louis Saillant, Secretary General of the WFTU, General Lazaro Cardenas, former President of Mexico, and Lazaro Pena, Secretary General of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cuba, who was denied a visa to come to Guatemala by the Cuban Government, although he was nominated by the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL) to accompany Lombardo Toledano.
4. The Acting Committee was composed of Licenciado Luis Cardoza y Aragon, Victor Manuel Gutierrez, Manuel Pinto Usaga, Carlos Manuel Pellecer, Leonardo Castillo Flores, Marco Antonio Villamar, representing the Frente Popular Libertador (FPL), Francisco Silva Falla, representing the Partido Socialista, Jaime Diaz Rizzotto, representing the Renovacion Nacional, Roberto Alvarado Fuentes, representing the Partido Accion Revolucionaria (PAR), Jose Luis Caceres, representing the Sindicato de Accion y Mejoramiento Ferrocarrilero (SAMF), and Jose Alberto Cardoza, Colonel of Engineers, and Carlos A. Paz Tejada, representing the President of the Republic.
5. Carlos Manuel Pellecer read congratulatory messages sent to the president of the Congreso de Unidad Sindical, Professor Victor Manuel Gutierrez, from labor confederations of Cuba, Chile, Venezuela, Mexico, the WFTU, the CTAL, Juan Jose Arevalo, and Colonel Jacobo Arbenz.
6. As always, attacks on the United States were made in their speeches by Victor Manuel Gutierrez, Manuel Pinto Usaga, and Vicente Lombardo Toledano, who took particular

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satisfaction in calling all the directors of the anti-Communist committees imbeciles, stating emphatically that anti-Communism in Guatemala and everywhere in Latin America originated in the Department of State in Washington, D.C. These reactionary movements, Lombardo asserted, are being fomented by the State Department all over Latin America. "where no one sees the ruble circulating, but the almighty dollar". [REDACTED] there is talk in Guatemala of the Soviet Union and its Communism, "when in reality in the Soviet Union they have not yet attained Communism, but rather Bolshevism, just as it exists in the United States". If any of these anti-Communists were asked to define Communism, Lombardo concluded, they would be unable to do so, because they would not know the meaning of true Communism.

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